

REMARKS

In the patent application, claims 1-57 are pending. In the Office Action, all pending claims are rejected.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-6, 19-40, 44 and 49-57. Applicant has amended claim 7 to include the limitation that the orientation sensitive interface mechanism includes only three loudspeakers. The support for this amendment can be found on page 5, last paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 41 to include the limitation that the orientation sensitive interface mechanism has only three loudspeakers, and that the method is for providing a stereophonic image from a display apparatus. The second limitation is from the original claim 44, which is now cancelled. No new matter has been introduced.

At section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner suggests that the legend "Prior Art" be added to Figures 1 to 3. Applicant has attached herein two replacement sheets. In the replacement sheets, the legend "Prior Art" is added to Figures 1 to 3 as suggested.

At section 4, the disclosure is objected to because of some informalities. Applicant has amended the specification to correct the informalities regarding the stereo base. Examiner also points to fact that the words "utilised" and "utilising" are used in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that these spellings are the British version of "utilized" and "utilizing". Applicant would like to hold these British spellings in abeyance until the application is allowed.

At section 6, claim 33 is rejected for lacking antecedent basis. Applicant has cancelled claim 33.

At section 8, claims 1-6, 28-34, 41-43, 54, 55 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ali et al.* (US 2002/0140675 A1, hereafter referred to as *Ali*), in view of known art submitted by Applicant. In rejecting these claims, the Examiner states that *Ali*

discloses a display apparatus as claimed, except that *Ali* fails to specifically teach that the orientation sensing means automatically activates the selection means in accordance with the sensed orientation and display mode. The Examiner points to the one or more manual switches on the portable device, and to the disclosure that these switches can override the tilt sensor in order to allow the display to be presented in a different mode.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-6, 28-34, 54, 55 and 56.

Applicant has amended claim 41 to include the limitation that the orientation sensitive interface mechanism includes only three loudspeakers. *Ali* does not disclose or even suggest an orientation sensitive interface mechanism including only three loudspeakers. For the above reason alone, it is respectfully submitted that claim 41 is distinguishable over the cited *Ali* reference, in view of submitted art.

As for claims 42 and 43, they are dependent from claim 41 and recite features not recited in claim 41. For the reason regarding claim 41 above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 42 and 43 are also distinguishable over the cited *Ali* reference.

At section 9, claims 7-10, 18, 25-27, 40 and 51-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ali*, in view of submitted art. In rejecting these claims, the Examiner states that *Ali* discloses a display apparatus as claimed, except that *Ali* fails to specifically teach that the orientation sensing means automatically activates the selection means in accordance with the sensed orientation and display mode. The Examiner points to the one or more manual switches on the portable device, and to the disclosure that these switches can override the tilt sensor in order to allow the display to be presented in a different mode.

Applicant has cancelled claims 25-27, 40 and 51-53.

Applicant has amended claim 7 to include the limitation that the orientation sensitive interface mechanism includes only three loudspeakers. *Ali* and the submitted art do not disclose or even suggest an orientation sensitive interface mechanism that includes only three

loudspeakers. For the above reason alone, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 is distinguishable over the cited *Ali* reference and the submitted art.

As for claims 8-10 and 18, they are dependent from claim 7 and recite features not recited in claim 7. For the reason regarding claim 7 above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-10 and 18 are also distinguishable over the cited *Ali* reference, in view of the submitted art.

At section 10, claims 35-39 are rejected. Applicant has cancelled claims 35-39.

At section 11, claims 44-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ali* in view of known art. Applicant has cancelled claim 44.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 45-48 are dependent from claim 41 and recite features not recited in claim 41. For the reason regarding claim 41 above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 44-48 are also distinguishable over the cited *Ali* reference, in view of the submitted art.

At section 12, claims 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ali* in view of known art, and further in view of *Derocher et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,497, hereafter referred to as *Derocher*). The Examiner points to *Derocher* for disclosing a portable electronic device having a first and second speaker assembly wherein the first and second speaker chambers each have a larger volume when the speaker assemblies are in the extended position than when they are in the normal position.

It is respectfully submitted *Derocher* does not disclose or even suggest that the orientation sensitive interface mechanism includes only three loudspeakers as claimed in claim 7. Claims 11-17 are dependent from claim 7 and recite features not recited in claim 7. For the reason regarding claim 7 above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-17 are also distinguishable over the cited *Ali* reference, in view of *Derocher*.

At section 13, claims 19-24, 49, 50 and 57 are rejected. Applicant has cancelled claims 19-24, 49, 50 and 57.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has cancelled 1-6, 19-40, 44 and 49-57. As amended, claims 7-18, 41-43 and 45-48 are allowable. Allowance of claims 7-18, 41-43 and 45-48 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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